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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR UNDER SECRETARY BAKER TO VISIT GDR

REF: BERLIN 6882

1. ON DECEMBER 12 COMMERCE DAS DOWNEY TELEPHONED GDR
AMBASSADOR SIEBER TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER STATEMENT
MADE BY BEIL THAT UNDER SECRETARY BAKER WOULD BE
TRAVELING TO 1976 SPRING LEIPZIG FAIR AND THAT DURING
HIS VISIT THE UNDER SECRETARY WOULD PROBABLY BE CONTINUING
CONSULTATIONS WITH BEIL. DOWNEY STRESSED THAT IF THE
STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO BEIL WERE TRUE, IT WAS CONTRARY
TO BASIC DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BAKER AND BEIL OF DECEMBER 1.

2. SIEBER EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND CONFIRMED AS A
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PARTICIPANT IN DISCUSSIONS OF DECEMBER 1, THAT NO

REFERENCE HAD BEEN MADE CONCERNING A VISIT OF BAKER TO LEIPZIG FAIR. SIEBER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT DURING THE DECEMBER 1 MEETING, AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAD BEEN MADE TO CONTINUE US-GDR ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS.

3. DOWNEY REPLIED THAT WHILE BOTH SIDES HAD AGREED TO USEFULNESS OF FUTURE DISCUSSIONS, IT HAD NEVER BEEN

ESTABLISHED WHEN, WHERE, OR AT WHAT LEVEL SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE. DOWNEY, MOREOVER, REMINDED THE AMBASSADOR THAT DURING BEIL-BAKER MEETING, COMMERCE HAD INDICATED THAT 1976 WOULD BE AN EXTREMELY BUSY YEAR FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY DUE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND THUS A POOR TIME FOR A VISIT.

4. SIEBER STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT BERLIN IN AN ATTEMPT TO CLEAR UP ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS. INGERSOLL

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